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MEDIA ADVISORY

Fun & Free Family Oriented New Year's Eve Celebration in Falls Church City 9th Annual Watch Night

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – Ring in the New Year with fun and free family oriented festivities at the 9th Annual Watch Night New Year's Eve spectacular in Falls Church City. From 8 p.m. to midnight on Sunday, Dec. 31, the 100 block of Broad Street (Route 7) at Washington Street (Route 29) will house one of the few free and open-to-the-public celebrations in the region.

Entertainment performances and interactive festivities will appeal to all ages. Highlights include a 66' dragon obstacle course, a Velcro wall, karaoke, digital dance, face painting, caricature painting, interactive activities with Creative Cauldron, a scavenger hunt, and two magic shows. The evening also features a unique New Year's countdown and light show, including special balloons and photographs.

Six bands will perform live, including: Basmati (Alternative Rock); Rites of Ash (Industrial Rock); Shakila N'Tala Faral Band (Indonesian R&B); Powerglide (R&B Funk); Danny Blew and the Blues Crew (Mississippi Delta and Chicago Blues); and Susan Taylor and the Up In the Air Band (old time music and dance). Big Band and Rock 'n' Roll disc jockeys will also perform.

Dancing demonstrations and lessons will be provided by Hand Dance Professionals Riki and Billie, and dance caller Susan Taylor.

Participating local restaurants will offer special Walking Watch Night Menus containing items that are easy to carry. Free snacks and giveaways will also be available (while supplies last).

To view the complete entertainment lineup, please visit www.fallschurchva.gov.

Events will be held indoors and outdoors (main tent is heated). Free parking is available at the Presbyterian Church (200 block East Broad Street), Kaiser Permanente (201 N. Washington St.), and other venues marked with Watch Night parking signs the night of the event.

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The event is cosponsored by the City of Falls Church, the Tinner Hill Heritage Foundation, Acacia Federal Savings Bank, and the Falls Church Economic Development Authority. Hosting organizations include: the Tinner Hill Heritage Foundation, the Village Preservation and Improvement Society, and the Greater Falls Church Chamber of Commerce.

The City of Falls Church is committed to the letter and spirit of the Americans With Disabilities Act. To request a reasonable accommodation for any type of disability call 703-248-5077 (TTY 711).

WHAT: Watch Night New Year's Eve Celebration

WHEN: Sunday, Dec. 31, 2006

TIME: 8 p.m.-Midnight

WHERE: Crossroads at Broad Street (Route 7) and Washington Street (Route 29)

City of Falls Church, VA 22046

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